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CDR USSAG NKP

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388 TFW KORAT

DOD SPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPEC ACT S BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP
432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD ; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW , 56 SOW,
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2
AND PAO.

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - THERE WERE SIX MINOR GROUND
INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING PERIOD 22 - 23 MAY. DELAYED
REPORT INDICATED MAJOR ENEMY ATTACK FORCED FRIENDS TO
WITHDRAW FROM POSITION SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 TOWN OF MUONG
PHALANE ON 21 MAY. RLAF FLEW NINE SORTIES. POLITICAL
LPF SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI MET WITH PRIMIN AND WITH
PHENG PHONGSAVAN ON MAY 21.

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR- I: ONLY GROUND ACTION IN REGION WAS TWO- ROUND
ROCKET ATTACK ON POSITION NORTHWEST OF XIENG LOM IN
FAR NORTHWEST ON 21 MAY (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW
NO SORTIES.

B. MR - II: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTE.

C. MR- III: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED MORNING 21 MAY
(0100 Z), WHEN ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY COMPANIES, SUPPORTED
BY APPROX 100 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE, ATTACKED PLATOON
POSITION SOME 13 KM SOUTH OF MUONG PHALANE, AT WD 583294
(NO FRIEND CASUALTIES); ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY KIA, 5. WIA).
FRIENDS WITHDREW SOUTHWEST ONE KM. ELSEWHERE
IN REGION, LOCAL DEFENSE FORCE NORTH OF SENO RECEIVED
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MINOR ATTACK BY FIRE ON 22 MAY (NO CASUALTIES). ALSO,
PATROL CLASHED NEAR SAN SOAK ENCLAVE IN NORTHERNMOST
PART OF REGION ON 23 MAY (NO CASUALTIES). LAO FAC,
FLYING IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING MAJOR INCIDENT, RECEIVED
GROUND FIRE (NO HITS) AND GUIDED SIX T-28 SORTIES
ONTO SUSPECTED FIRING POSITION ON 22 MAY WITHOUT
VISIBLE RESULTS.

D. MR- IV: THERE WERE THREE MINOR INCIDENTS, ALL SHELLINGS WITHOUT CASUALTIES, IN SOUKHOUMA AND PHIA FAY AREAS SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE ON 22-23 MAY. REGION HEADQUARTERS PLANS TO REINFORCE BOTH AREAS IN EFFORT HALT ENEMY HARASSMENT; MORE INCIDENTS CAN BE EXPECTED. RLAF FLEW THREE T-28 SORTIES ON 22 MAY, ALL AGAINST ENEMY MORTAR POSITION IN PHIA FAY AREA WITHOUT VISIBLE RESULTS.

E. MR- V: ONLY GROUND ACTION IN REGION WAS MINOR PROBE OF OUTPOST LOCATED 17 KM SOUTHEAST OF ALA PHOU KHOUN JUNCTION ON 22 MAY (ONE FRIEND WIA). LAO FAC LOCATED ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATION DISPLAYING PL FLAGS SOME 35 KM EAST OF PAKSANE AND, ALTHOUGH NO FIGHTING WAS IN PROGRESS, RELAYED GROUND COMMANDER'S REQUEST FOR T-28 AIR STRIKES TO REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER. ADMIRABLY RESTRAINED LAO OPS CENTER REFUSED TO VALIDATE TARGET.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. ON MAY 21, TUF SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT HAD MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA AND WITH RLG NEGOTIATOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN. THE MEETING WITH PHENG WAS THE NINTH SINCE PHOUMI'S RETURN TO VIENTIANE IN LATE APRIL; AND, ACCORDING TO LPF RADIO, THE TWO CONTINUED DISCUSSING " QUESTIONS ALREADY DEALT WITH AT THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS." PHENG WAS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS SAYING " NO PROGRESS WAS MADE, EACH SIDE RESTED ON ITS POSITION." DEAN

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